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EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1631



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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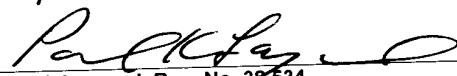
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**MODULATION OF MOLECULAR INTERACTION SITES ON RNA AND
OTHER BIOMOLECULES**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 2, cancel claims 1, 4, 5, 24 and 25, and add new claims 32-36 as follows:

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